

Youth Resource Connections

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Youth Headlines

2nd American Indian Journalism Institute Seeks Student Nominations For the Summer. The Freedom Forum will fully fund and run an academic journalism program for American Indian college students again this summer and the University of South Dakota will award four hours of college credit to graduates of the three-week course. The American Indian Journalism Institute will offer 25 Native American students the opportunity to train as newspaper reporters, editors and photographers. The institute will be held June 2-21 at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in a college and must have completed their freshman year. The Freedom Forum Neuharth Center will pay all costs, including tuition, fees, room and board, and it will give students who successfully complete the program a \$500 scholarship/stipend. For further information contact Mr. Jack Marsh, Director, Freedom Forum Neuharth Center, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D. 57069. jmarsh@freedomforum.org, 605-677-6315. **Nomination letters should be received by April 15, 2002.**

San Antonio YO Program Hosts "Young Women Making Choices" Conference to Highlight Careers in Skilled Trades and Technology March 28th. The Youth Opportunities Program, YO! of the City of San Antonio's Department of Community Initiatives – in conjunction with community and business partners and advisors – will host the San Antonio **Young Women Making Choices** Conference. This one-day conference, set for March 28th, 2002, will provide information and education about alternative trades to over 400 young women 14 and 21 years of age living in San Antonio's Enterprise Communities. The conference will offer attendees the chance to interact with successful women engaged in alternative trades. A pilot mentorship project pairing 50 female YO! members with 50 women in alternative trades will result from the conference. For more information on the conference, to be held at St. Philip's College, Southwest Campus, please contact Diane Pena at (210) 207-5756 or email: dianepina@sanantonio.gov.

Project-Based Learning Conference: The 10th Annual KIDS WHO KNOW AND DO conference on project-based learning will take place April 25-26, 2002, with pre-conference sessions on April 24. The conference will include lab sessions (for example, a "technology crash course" for project-based learning classrooms), workshops (for example, "Make a Movie that Tells a Story" with Hollywood screenwriter Billy Fields) and a walking tour of San Francisco that illustrates a way to teach math through an

exploration of architecture. To learn more, to register, or to find out how to become an exhibitor, go to www.kwkd.net, e-mail to pbl@co-nect.net, or call 617.995.3222.

Youth Engaged in Service (YES) Ambassador Program: The Points of Light Foundation is now recruiting Partner Organization sites for the 2002-2003 Youth in Engaged in Service (YES) Ambassador program. The YES Ambassador program seeks to create more opportunities for young people to serve and lead in local communities, by placing community-minded young people between the ages of 18-25 for one year with statewide, regional (multi-state) or national leadership organizations (Partner Organizations) in order to create initiatives and partnerships and provide technical assistance and training in youth service, service-learning and youth leadership. Two informational conference calls are scheduled for all interested applicants to explain the program in greater detail and to answer questions. The calls will be held Thursday, March 14 at 3:00pm EST and Friday, March 15 at 3:00pm EST. Participants should call 1-888-396-9185 at their chosen date. The conference call leader is Lisa Simpson and the password is Partners. **Applications are due by 5 PM Eastern Time on Monday, April 1, 2002.** For more information contact Lisa Simpson at 202/729-8251 or lsimpson@pointsoflight.org

WIA Youth Updates

Assistant Secretary DeRocco Testifies on FY 2003 Appropriation. Assistant Secretary DeRocco's February 27 testimony on FY 2003 appropriation for the ETA's programs, services and ES/UI reform efforts may be downloaded from <http://www.usworkforce.org/documents/misc/testimony-2-27-2002.htm>.

ETA Seeks Comments on WIA Reauthorization and Linkages with the TANF Program. Through an announcement in the February 28 FEDERAL REGISTER, the Employment and Training Administration is inviting public comment on two major workforce development issues: (1) what changes should the Administration propose to Titles I, III and V of the Workforce Investment Act, and (2) how can linkages between Title I and WIA and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program be improved. The Notice describes several methods --- mail, fax, e-mail, webpage posting, and public forum -- through which comments can be submitted. **Comments are due on or before June 30, 2002.** Visit the website on <http://www.usworkforce.org/reauthorization/>

ETA Offers One-Stop Comprehensive Financial Management Training (Chicago, May 13-17). Based on positive response from the system, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) will be conducting another round of One-Stop Comprehensive Financial Management Training. This training will take place at the Westin Hotel in Chicago during May 13 - 17. Registration can take place for one or both major modules:
May 13 – 14 - One-Stop Cost Allocation & Resource Sharing
May 15 - 17 - ETA Grant Programs Financial Management Training.
For more information visit <http://usworkforce.org/events/FinancialTrainingChicago2.pdf>.

Job Corps and Public/Private Ventures. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao signed a cooperative agreement that supports collaboration between Job Corps and Public/Private Ventures, a Philadelphia-based think-tank that specializes in research and demonstration projects dealing with high-risk and at-risk youth. The cooperative agreement supports community-based networks of mentors for at-risk and high-risk youth in Detroit, Indianapolis, Brooklyn, Bronx and Washington, D.C. For more information contact Brian Kennedy at Bkennedy@doleta.gov.

The National Workforce Development Research Symposium will be held Friday, March 22, 2002 at the Capitol Hilton Hotel in Washington DC. The one-day Symposium will bring together a variety of individuals with expertise in research in employment and training to identify, through structured discussions, priorities for future pilots, demonstrations, research, and evaluation studies in areas related to workforce development. The topics and discussions from the Symposium workshops will be included as a section of the Five-Year Strategic Research Plan for 2002-2007 for the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment And Training Administration. For more information visit: <http://www.heldrich.rutgers.edu/USDOL-ETA-ResearchPlan>

TEGL Approval. Assistant Secretary Emily Stover DeRocco approved [TEGL 12-01 on Clarification on Selected Activities and Issues under the Workforce Investment Act \(WIA\)](#). This TEGL provides clarification to states on selected issues identified by the Youth Services WIA Readiness Reviews. Download this advisory notice on <http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL12-01.pdf>.

TEGL Approval. Assistant Secretary Emily Stover DeRocco approved [TEGL 11-01: Guidance on Revising Workforce Investment Act \(WIA\) State Negotiated Levels of Performance](#). This TEGL describes the criteria and procedures the Department of Labor (DOL) will use when considering state requests to revise negotiated levels of performance established under title I-B of WIA. Download this advisory notice on <http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL11-01.pdf>.

TEN Approval. Assistant Secretary Emily Stover DeRocco approved [TEN 3-01: Workforce Innovation 2002 Conference](#). The purpose of this TEN is to announce the new premier conference for the Employment and Training Administration and for America's workforce investment professionals, **Workforce Innovation 2002**. The conference is scheduled for July 9-11, 2002 in Nashville, TN. Download this advisory notice on http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/TEN3-01.pdf.

Program Spotlight

Denver Youth Opportunity (YO!) Program Offers Tools for Community Service Learning. Denver's Youth Opportunity (YO) Program has developed a Community Service Learning (CSL) program that strives to provide youth with the means to give back to their community while acquiring job readiness and life skills. The program consists of three consecutive levels, guiding participants from introductory CSL projects to youth designed projects, culminating in educational and/or job placement. Copies of the CSL materials and tools are available on the Office of Youth Services web site at:

http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/csl_program.asp. For more information about the Denver CSL Program, please contact: Dusty Martin, (303) 433-5621, or email: dusty.martin@ci.denver.co.us.

Publications/Reports/Resources

2002 Resource Guide of Summer Opportunities for Minority Undergraduate Students, prepared by Occidental College student Caroline Kouassiaman, provides a list of programs specifically targeted to minority groups. These programs represent opportunities across the country and abroad, in many disciplines, for undergraduates and/or recent graduates. There is an index by discipline at the end of the guide. Download this guide on <http://departments.oxy.edu/urc/support/off-campusupport.htm>.

Community Programs to Promote Youth Development. Recognizing the importance of adolescence as a period of transition to adulthood, this book from the National Research Council and Institute of Medicine offers authoritative guidance to policymakers, practitioners, researchers, and other key stakeholders on the role of youth development programs to promote young people's healthy development. To order or to read online, go to: www.nap.edu/catalog/10022.html

Setting High Academic Standards in Alternative Education. Published by the National Governor's Association Center for Best Practices, this Issue Brief explores issues related to the introduction of high academic standards in alternative education programs and presents a number of recommendations for state policy makers. To access this report please visit: http://www.nga.org/center/divisions/1,1188,C_ISSUE_BRIEF^D_2984,00.html

National Commission on Service Learning's Final Report Now Available. The commission, chaired by Senator John Glenn, engaged in a yearlong review of service learning. The report features its findings, along with recommendations and a call to dramatically expand service learning in the public schools. To download the report, go to www.servicelearningcommission.org. For more information, go to the Web site of Learning-in-Deed: www.service-learningpartnership.org.

Funding Opportunities

Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs. The FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE for February 21 announced the availability of financial assistance and requests applications for the FY 2002 Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth (BCP), FY 2002 and 2003 Transitional Living Program (TLP) and FY 2002 Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Cooperative Agreements. The overall purpose of TLP for homeless youth is to establish and operate transitional living projects for homeless youth. This program is structured to help older, homeless youth achieve self-sufficiency and avoid long-term dependency on social services. Transitional living projects provide shelter, skills training, and support services to homeless youth ages 16 through 21 for a continuous period not exceeding 18 months. For obtain information about eligibility and to download an application visit http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-4122-filed.

Robeson Fund Offers Support for Media Activism. The Robeson Fund supports pre-production and distribution costs of social issue films and videos. All genres are considered, so long as the program combines intellectual clarity with creative use of the medium in promoting social justice; will reach a broad audience with an organizing component; and can demonstrate how the production will be used for social change organizing. See the Funding Exchange Web site for application guidelines and forms. http://www.fex.org/2.3.3_robeson.html. **Deadline: May 15, annually.**

Dominion Peoples Offers Education Grants for K-12. Dominion Peoples will award \$200,000 in its service area of North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia to strengthen the math and science skills of students in grades K-12. **Deadline: May 1, 2002.** For complete guidelines, eligibility information, and to download an application form, visit the Dominion Web site <http://www.dom.com/about/community/grants.html>.

YouthActionNet Seeks Applications for Awards. Youth leaders and youth-led organizations can apply for a \$500 award by visiting the YouthActionNet website. In 2002, YouthActionNet is making funds available to help facilitate social entrepreneurship by providing financial resources and international visibility to noteworthy young leaders and their emerging projects. For complete application and guidelines, visit: <http://www.youthactionnet.org/newswire.php?id=1648>. **Deadline: April 18, 2002.**

Starbucks Foundation Accepting Application for Literacy Grants: The Starbucks Foundation awards Opportunity Grants of up to \$10,000 to nonprofit 501(c)(3) literacy organizations located in North America. Priority is given to organizations that serve low-income, underserved children or youth, and that have an ongoing relationship involving Starbucks and its employees. For complete guidelines and qualifying criteria, see the foundation's Web site <http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/grantinfo.asp>. **Deadline: April 1 and October 1, 2002**

Websites

Check out the WIA Reauthorization Webpage for the Latest News About Upcoming Legislative Activities. This web site will provide the public with access to the latest information on the Department of Labor's activities related to reauthorization, as well as links to information regarding activities being conducted by other Federal Agencies on these important issues. A key feature of this web page is the opportunity for the workforce system and the public to discuss and comment on the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and linkages with the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. Visit the site on <http://usworkforce.org/reauthorization>.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has launched a redesigned and expanded version of its Web site devoted to the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (<http://www.hhs.gov/faith>) in an effort to provide a central information resource for programs and opportunities for faith-based and community organizations. The site features a compilation of HHS funding opportunities listed by

topic and program office, with guidance on how organizations should apply. In addition to HHS resources, the site also provides links to funding opportunities from private-sector donors and other federal government agencies, as well as descriptions of successful HHS partnerships with faith-based and community organizations. New funding announcements and relevant grant programs will be added to the site on a regular basis.

Important Dates to Remember

March 13-15. *Tools for Building Your Employment Component* peer-to-peer workshop will be offered for Youth Opportunity (YO) Grantees in New York City. For more information contact Charles Modiano at 202/693-3605 or cmodiano@doleta.gov.

March 19-21. *MIS Peer-to-Peer Training for Youth Opportunity Grantees*. Tucson, AZ. For more information, please contact Anne Stom at 202-693-3337 or astom@doleta.gov.

March 20-23. *National Service Learning Conference* will be held at the Seattle Convention Center. Applications are available on the NYLC web site at: www.nylc.org/conference2002/

March 20. **Youth Academy, New York.** Contact: Jan Hennessy 518-465-1473 or visit <http://www.nyatep.org>

March 22. National Workforce Development Research Symposium, Washington, DC. Contact: <http://www.heldrich.rutgers.edu/USDOL-ETA-ResearchPlan>

March 22. Entry deadline for the VIDEO-YO! Film Contest.

April 10 – 12. *Arts to Career Peer-to-Peer Training for Youth Opportunity Grantees*, Denver, CO. For more information please contact Gloria Salas-Kos at 202/693-3596 or gsalas@doleta.gov

April 18. Deadline for Seventh Annual PEPNet Award Recognition. Applications are available on the National Youth Employment Coalition web site: <http://www.nyec.org/pepnet/>

April 26-28. National Youth Service Day (NYSD). For more information visit <http://www.ysa.org/nysd/>.

April 28 – 30. Mark your calendar now for the RURAL WORKFORCE 2002 CONFERENCE to be held April 28-30 at the Reno Hilton - Reno, NV. For more information contact: [Kris Latimer 541-928-0241, ext. 219](mailto:Kris.Latimer@tocowa.org) or visit <http://www.tocowa.org/2002.html>.

May 1-3. Year 3 Youth Opportunity Grant Partners Meeting – Tampa, FL. Contact: Hugh Davies, (202) 693-3497 or hdavies@doleta.gov.

May 13-17. Financial Management Training – Chicago. Visit <http://usworkforce.org/events/FinancialTrainingChicago2.pdf>.

July 9–11. Workforce Innovations 2002 Conference, Nashville, Tennessee. Contact: Gardner Carrick 202-693-3689.

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Youth Resource Connections provides important announcements and information for state and local workforce investment boards, youth councils, youth service providers, Youth Opportunity Grant sites, partners, and others interested in youth development.

We welcome your input. Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Ann Stom (Astom@doleta.gov; 202-693-3377); DeEtta Roberson-Carter (Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov; 202- 693-3610) or Susan Rosenblum (srosenblum@doleta.gov; 202-693-3597).

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